



AN OBSTRUCTION RISING.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Fair, with light variable winds. A more beautiful day in every particular has not been seen this year than yesterday.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

Lowest temperature yesterday.....	59
12 M.....	70
3 P. M.....	77
6 P. M.....	72
9 P. M.....	70
12 midnight.....	60

Average.....

Highest temperature yesterday..... 77

Lowest temperature yesterday..... 59

Mean temperature yesterday..... 67

Normal temperature for May..... 67

Departure from normal temperature..... 0

Precipitation during past 24 hours..... 0.0

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

May 6, 1904.

Sun rises..... 5:11

Sun sets..... 7:32

Moon rises..... 10:20

Richmond.

Street Committee in matter of

a warding contract for smooth paving

material, the report of the subcommittee

falling, therefore, of adoption of Mayor

Starrett, or Barton Heights, loses nomi-

nation for Mayor at Citizens' mass-meet-

ing, and one new Councilman also nomi-

nated. Mr. Rose receives endorsement for

executive of the town.—Popular young

man badly injured; his horse, running

away, collided with a street car and in-

stantly killed.—Faculty of the Medical

College of Virginia announces its gradu-

ates and hospital appointments; this col-

lege receives about six of grain of

radium from London to be used in treat-

ment of disease.—City Committee to meet

to-night to take up matter of primary

against ward meetings to nominate dele-

gates to the National Convention.—Liquor

dealers are heavily fined and Common-

wealth's attorney advises others in this

business to adopt some means of self-

protection.—Civic Improvement League

importance important meeting.—Outlook

Memorial exercises next Tuesday. MAN-

CHESTER.—Meeting of the City Central

Committee.—Complete list of candidates

for Council and mayoralty.—Street Com-

mittee to purchase a street sweeper.—

Finance Committee meet to-night.—Mrs.

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fourteen votes.

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W. J. Starrett, 21; Alf. Benson, 13;

L. J. Crovo, 14.

While it is supposed that the names

ROSE WINS
FOR MAYOR

Interesting Situation in the
Town of Barton
Heights.

ONLY FORTY CAN VOTE

Two Old Councilmen Named on
Tentative Citizens' Ticket.
One Beaten.

The citizens of Barton Heights held a
largely attended meeting last night to
suggest candidates for Mayor and three
seats in the Council, to be voted for at
the coming June election. The proceed-

ings were full of interest from start to
finish. Mr. John B. Rose having been
named for Mayor over the incumbent,
Mr. J. W. Starrett, by a majority of
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While it is supposed that the names

suggested will be the only ones voted

for, others may run who desire to do so.

Organization Effected.

The meeting was a very interesting
one, inasmuch as out of the one hundred
and fifty citizens of the town, only forty

have paid their poll tax and qualified
themselves to vote in the coming elec-

BIG CONTRACT
FOR PAVING

Interesting Battle for Work to
be Done in the Near
Future.

COMMITTEE SPLIT EVEN

Seven Votes for and Seven
Against Bituthic As-
phalt.

The Committee on Street is engaging
in trying to determine who shall get the
\$30,000 contract for the smooth pavement
of Grace and Franklin Streets from the
Capitol Square some distance west, and
the battle which started some time ago
is yet unsettled, all the propositions and
bids having been yesterday afternoon
laid upon the table by a tie vote of 7

to 7.

The firm of Warren Bros. & Co., of
Boston, have in bids for doing the work
with vitulithic asphalt, a comparatively
new material upon which the firm holds
a patent right. Their bid is at 2.30 per
square yard, the bid of an asphalt block
concern being \$3.15, and the sheet asphalt
bid being 2.17.

The Street Committee split half in two
on the proposition, seven standing for
the bituthic bid, and seven against it.

The matter has been up for some time,
and was referred to a subcommittee com-
posed of Messrs. Burton, Adams and J.
M. N. Allen. They reported unanimously
to the full committee yesterday in favor
of Warren Bros. & Co.

How They Stand.

The fight then arose, Messrs. Teeley,
Williams, Huber, J. M. N. Allen, Whittey,
Burton and Adams standing for the sub-
committee's report, and Messrs. Peters,
Otway, S. Allen, Bahen, Minor, Mann,
West and Spicer against it.

Colonel Cuthshaw is with the latter gen-
tlemen, and does not desire the bituthic
pavement under any conditions. Messrs.
Bahen, Peters, Mann and Minor spoke
against the report, the former declaring
that he had seen some of the work in
Newport News and that it was very un-

satisfactory.

Mr. Peters contends that the Warren
people having their pavement patented,
will not allow the city to repair it, but
agree to keep it in good condition in-
definitely for three per cent. of the
amount of the contract.

This Is Denied.

The representative of the concern
denies, and says his people not only al-
low repairs, but generally leave enough
material with the city for repairs for
some time.

Their bids offers a flat guarantee of
five years.

Every proposition made in the commit-
tee was lost by a tie vote, the line up
being the same each time, and finally
the whole subject was laid upon the
table.

It will come up, and be fought all over
again at the next meeting. The seven
who are standing with Colonel Cuthshaw
in the matter are determined to defeat
the bituthic proposition if possible, be-
cause they contend that it is an ex-
periment, and that they fear it has not
the staying qualities.

BIG TOBACCO WAREHOUSE
BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press.)
LANCASTER, PA., May 5.—A big to-
bacco warehouse, occupied by E. M.
Mooney and Company and W. R. Cooper,
dealers in leaf tobacco, was badly dam-

aged by fire to-day, and its contents
were practically ruined by the smoke.
An examination of the place disclosed
the fact that a quantity of Sumatra to-
bacco had been stolen, and it is believed
the place was set on fire to hide the ro-
bery. There is an insurance of \$100,000.
It is believed the loss will exceed
this amount.

PARKER
WILL BE
PRESIDENT

Elliott Danforth Says He
is the Man.

HE IS THE ONLY
POSSIBLE CANDIDATE

Will Certainly Carry New York
and Get a Solid Vote in
the South.

JUDGE GREATLY FAVORS
TARIFF REVISION

Democratic Candidate Speaks
in the Highest Terms of the
Southern People and Says
They Are Unques-
tionable a Great
People.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Judge
Parker is, in the judgment of men who
understand the political situation, the
only Democrat who can carry the State
of New York. Judge Parker is the only
Democrat who can be elected President
this year. That is the reason why New
York's seventy-eight delegates were in-
structed to vote for Judge Parker at St.
Louis, and that is the reason why the
Democrats of the South and West, who
are willing to subordinate personal in-
terests and personal resentments to the
success of the party, are uniting with
Democrats of the East in a concerted and
consolidated effort to nominate the chief
justice of the New York Court of Ap-
peals as the Democratic candidate for
President.

"It is now clear that Judge Parker
will be nominated at St. Louis, and the
feeling is strong throughout the country
that Judge Parker will be the next Presi-

dent."

That is what Hon. Elliott Danforth,
who was State treasurer from 1889 to 1894;
chairman of the State Democratic Com-
mittee 1889-'97; Democratic candidate for
Lieutenant-Governor in 1898; a delegate
to the last five national Democratic con-
ventions, and a delegate-elect to St.
Louis, a loyal supporter of Bryan in 1896
and 1900, said here to-day in comment
upon Judge Parker's presidential candi-

dacy.

Before leaving the city with Mrs. Dan-
forth for Hot Springs, Va., this after-
noon, Mr. Danforth said: "I have known
Judge Parker intimately for many years.
I have been in touch with him since
the time when, as a young man, he en-
tered upon the career which, beginning
in a modest way in the rural districts
of New York State, has steadily ad-
vanced in dignity and power until Judge
Parker now occupies the highest judicial
office in the State—an office second only
to a seat on the Supreme Court of the
United States."

"I knew Judge Parker when, as a politi-
cal disciple of Samuel J. Tilden, he sup-
ported the great cause of retrenchment
and reform in the latter seventies and the
early eighties. I knew him during the
campaign of 1884, when the Democrats of
New York looked to him for sympathy,
advice and support in the effort to elect
the first Democratic President since
since the Civil War. I knew him when,
as a young man in the office of sur-
geon, he bravely defended the rights of
the people of Ulster county, he was laying
deep and broad the foundations of an
honorable career. I knew him when he
was appointed a member of the Supreme
Court, and later when he was elected
chief justice of the Court of Appeals."

"I do not think I exaggerate when I
say that Judge Parker is a whole man in
every relation of life—a Democrat of
character, conviction, and conviction, and
an admirable representative of the Ameri-
can spirit."

"It is in no sense surprising that Demo-
crats throughout the country, weary
of cringing and recrimination, and
irrespective of past factional differences,
have turned to this commanding figure
in our political life and have determined
to bestow upon him the highest honor
which a citizen can receive—the presi-
dency. I think I am well with-
in the limits of restrained statement
when I say that Judge Parker is the hope
of the untired Democracy."

"As one of his friends, as one who
has discussed with him throughout a pe-
riod of twenty years, from time to time,
every question of public policy, domestic
and foreign, I want to say here now
and right off that Judge Parker's views
on the issues of this presidential cam-
paign will reflect the solid sense of the
American people and rally the Jefferson-

and widely applauded the winner.

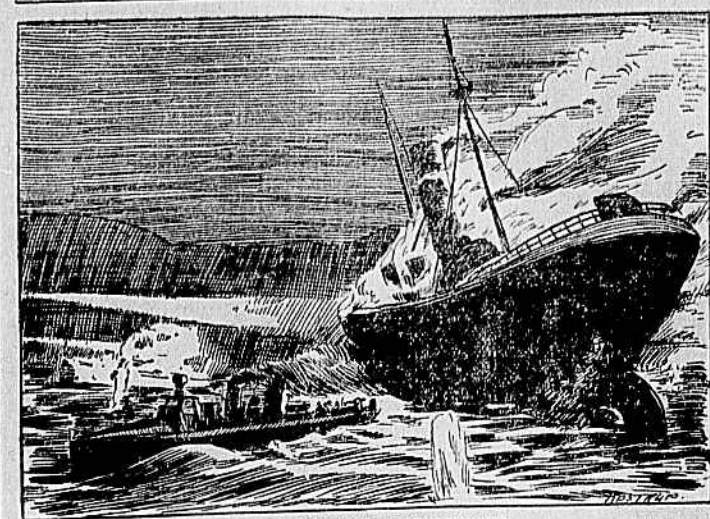
The first race was won by "North
Carolina," who covered the half mile in
fifty-nine seconds. After a short rest,
the second half mile was run, "North
Carolina" coming under the wire a win-
ner in fifty-two seconds. The average
time for the mile was about 1:51.

56
WANT
HELP
TO-DAY

The 56 advertisements for help pub-
lished in to-day's Times-Dispatch on
page 8, are as follows:

1 Agent. 2 Clerks.
48 Domestic.
5 Miscellaneous.

This not only interests those out of
work, but those desiring to improve
their positions as well.

RUSSIANS RETREATING;
JAPS IN HOT PURSUIT

THE JAPANESE FIRESHIP.

DESPERATE COURAGE DISPLAYED BY
JAPANESE IN FIRE-SHIP ATTACK

PORT ARTHUR, May 5.—The Japanese displayed desperate courage in their
fire-ship attack on the night of Tuesday. The ships as they approached, were
divided into three groups, all heading straight for the entrance of the harbor. While
still far from the shore, they ran on the Russian mines and they were under a mur-
derous fire from the Russian batteries. Three torpedo boats followed the fire ships
to pick up the crews of the latter. When the first ship foundered the crew clamor-
ed up the mast, cheering for the Emperor of Japan as they went down. From the
mast-head of the second vessel as she began to sink, her crew waved lanterns to
indicate her course to those astern. Their small boats, though soon riddled, did not
raise the white flag.

A Japanese sailor, who came ashore at Electric Hill, when summoned to sur-
render, sprang forward with a revolver in his hand and died fighting. Another Jap-
anese sailor, who was pulled out of the water, tried to throttle himself with his
necktie. One of the Russian row-boats which approached a sinking ship for the pur-
pose of saving her crew, was met by small-arm fire. The Russian sailors showed
every consideration for the captured Japanese, wrapping them up in their own coats
and carrying them ashore. One of the rescued Japanese officers committed suicide
by disemboweling himself, declaring he would rather die than go home in disgrace.

(By Associated Press.)

Dwyer WAS DOWNED
BY STRANGLE HOLD

George Burlingame, 'Varsity's
Former Ball Player, Pinned
His Shoulders to the Mat.
Dwyer Upholds Referee,
But Condemns Bur-
lingame.

Virginia Polytechnic Cadets Ex-
pel Two of Their Own
Number.

FOR INSULTING LADIES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 5.—
The wrestling match, catch-as-catch-can,
at the Jefferson Auditorium to-night, be-
tween Professor M. J. Dwyer, of Rich-
mond, and George Burlingame, of Balti-
more, was witnessed by an enthusiastic
audience. Dwyer agreed to throw the
Baltimorean twice in an hour or less
the first fall in twenty-five minutes by
a quarter-Nelson and leg hold.

Three minutes after the intermission
Burlingame secured a strangle lock hold
and pinned the Richmonder's shoulders
to the mat. As there were no articles
drawn prohibiting this hold, the referee,
Dr. W. A. Lambeth, allowed the fall,
and the match went to Burlingame.

Dwyer upheld the referee in making
the decision he did, but denounced Bur-
lingame for employing the strangle hold,
stating that this was the first time he
had ever wrestled, and that if Dwyer
would give him three weeks to train
he would wrestle him any style.

Dwyer thereupon challenged his opponent
for another match, with alternate Greco-
Roman and catch-as-catch-can styles,
with the strangle lock barred. This chal-
lenge Burlingame said he would accept
"to-morrow night, the next night or any
other night."

Thursday night of next week was finally
agreed upon for the second contest. Bur-
lingame, who was a prominent member
of the famous Virginia foot-ball elevens
of '96, was loudly cheered throughout
by more than two hundred University
students. He told the college boys that
he had had as little training for this
match as a snow bird. "When I played
on the 'Varsity foot-ball team," he said,
"it took us less than a week to get in
condition to play Princeton and Penn-
sylvania to a standstill." All he wanted,
he continued, was just a few days to get
in shape for another match.

Dwyer was not without friends in the
audience, who cheered vociferously at
every advantage he gained.

AN EFFORT MADE
TO WRECK TRAIN

Obstructions Placed on C. & O.
Track Near St. Asaph's Junc-
tion and Lights Turned.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. ASAPH JUNCTION, VA., May 5.—
An attempt was made to wreck the Ches-
apeake and Ohio south-bound fast flying
vestibule train No. 503 at this point to-
night about 11:35 o'clock. The attempt
was frustrated just in time to avoid a
serious accident by Operator V. C. Davis,
who ran forward with danger signals and
succeeded in stopping the train. Two
railroad ties were across the track, a
switch light was turned against them
and a stone weighing about three pounds
wedged between the switch.

Wreck on Great Northern Causes
Loss of Life and Dangerous-
ly Injures Many.

(By Associated Press.)
PALESTINE, TEN., May 5.—In a head-
on collision on the Into-National and
Great Northern, between Phelps and
Dodge to-day, two trainmen were killed
and others seriously hurt. The dead are:
Conductor FRANK AUSTIN.
Fireman ARMSTRONG.

The injured are: Engineer Will Myers,
Brakeman John Bryant, Conductor Poe
Wolf.

The dead and injured were brought
to this point.

Czar's Forces to Aban-
don Feng Wang Cheng.

BIG ARMY OF OKU
LANDS AT PITSEWO

Has 65,000 Men, Many of Whom
Fought in Same Territory
in War With China.

BIG BATTLE REPORTED,
WITH VERY HEAVY LOSSES

Rumor Reaches St. Petersburg
That There Has Been a Second
Fight at Kiu-Lien-Cheng.

Japanese Warships Near
Kiu-Chow Bay, Accom-
panied by Transports.

By Paul Lambeth.
(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch,
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LONDON, May 5.—Mixed re-
ports come from the seat of war
in the Far East to-day. The most
sensational is that which comes
by way of St. Petersburg and
states that the Russians have
abandoned the intention of hold-
ing Feng Wang Cheng and are
retreating toward Liao Yang with
the Japanese in hot pursuit. The
fighting is reported to be almost
continuous between the Japanese
vanguard and the Russian rear
guard.

It is further stated that the bat-
tle on the Yalu and the Russian
reverse there, which was in di-
rect violation of his orders, has
so disarranged General Kuropat-
kin's plans that the entire cam-
paign will be remodelled.

Advices from other points
would indicate that the abandon-
ment of Feng Wang Cheng, if it
really has taken place, was due
to the fact that the place had
been flanked and stood a good
chance of becoming enveloped by
an irresistible Japanese force.

Great quantities of supplies and
ammunition are said to have been
accumulated at Feng Wang
Cheng and in the event of the
abandonment of the place most of
this must be left for the Japanese
or destroyed, for in the condition
of the road between Liao Yang
and Feng Wang Cheng it will be
impossible to transport it in the
face of so active and enterprising
an enemy as the Japanese have
proved themselves to be.

The reported landing of Gen-
eral Oku's army at Pitsewo has
not yet been fully confirmed but
it is believed to be probable. This
point is only a short distance
above Port Arthur, and if Oku
has 65,000 men there, as report-
ed, Port Arthur is as securely
cut off on the land side as Togo
was isolated by sea.

A SECOND BATTLE.

Rumored That Fight Has Oc-
curred at Kiu-Lien-Cheng, in
Which Loss Is 17,000.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 5.—4:05 P.
M.—A dispatch to the Central
News from St. Petersburg says
a rumor is current there that a
second battle has been fought at
Kiu-Lien-Cheng, in which the
Russian loss was 7,000, the Japa-
nese loss 10,000 men, and result-
ed in the Japanese being driven
back in disorder. The dispatch
adds that no confirmation of this
report is obtainable.

Fight Off Gen. San.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, May 5.—A dispatch
to the Temps from St. Peters-
burg confirms previous reports
to the effect that the Japanese
fleet reappeared off Port Arthur
yesterday and that an engage-
ment occurred off Gen-San, Ko-
rea, between a Japanese squad-
ron and the Russian squadron
from Vladivostok.

SEVEN RUSSIAN SHIPS
HAVE BEEN DAMAGED

(By Associated Press.)
CHE FOO, May 5.—9 P. M.—
The steamer Sikh, which left
Port Arthur a week ago, has ar-
rived here. Her commander says
seven damaged Russian ships

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TORNADO PLAYS
HAVOC IN WEST

Many People Reported Killed
and Loss of Property Will
be Enormous.

(By Associated Press.)
FORT WORTH, May 5.—A special to
the Record from Cosco, Texas, says:

It is reported here that many people
were killed and much property and live
stock were destroyed by a tornado just
south of Moran, eighteen miles north of
here. Wires are down and it is impos-
sible to get particulars at this time.
Relief parties could not start on account of
the impassability of the roads.

At Moreland, in Shackelford county,
several people are known to have been
killed.

A tornado is also reported in Parker
county, near Weatherford, with lives
lost.

GIRLS RIDE A
RUNNING RACE

They Cover Half-Mile Heats
in Record-Breaking
Time.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., May 5.—One of the
most sensational running races ever in
this part of the country and perhaps in
the United States, took place this after-
noon at Williams track, in Norfolk coun-
ty, the jockeys being Annie Barchard,
ten years old, and her sister, Wilhelmina
Barchard, sixteen years of age. The for-
mer won the exciting event, which was
twice around a half mile track, in 1
minute and 15 seconds. The solid sense of
the American people and rally the Jefferson-

"North Carolina